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Amendments to the Claims

1. (*Currently Amended*) ~~A method for enabling the user of a portable communications device to receive broadcast audio messages~~ A method for enabling the user of a portable communications device to received broadcast audio messages, the method comprising:

wherein at least one beacon device broadcasts a series of messages each in the form of a plurality of predetermined data fields arranged according to a first ~~communications protocol;~~ communications protocol;

wherein the beacon adds to each such message prior to transmission an additional data field carrying ~~broadcast audio message data; and~~ broadcast audio message data; and

wherein the ~~portable device~~ portable communications device makes no transmission to the beacon to initiate transmission by the beacon prior to receiving the transmitted messages, extracts the audio broadcast data from said additional data field, and reproduces the audio to the user.

2. (*Original*) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first communications protocol comprises Bluetooth messaging and the broadcast series of messages are inquiry messages for the establishment of two-way communications.

3. (*Currently Amended*) An audio data communications system ~~comprising~~ comprising:
_____ at least one beacon device capable of wireless message ~~transmission and~~ transmission; and

_____ at least one portable device capable of receiving such a message ~~transmission;~~ transmission;

_____ wherein the beacon is arranged to broadcast, without receiving a communication from the portable device, a series of messages each in the form of a plurality of predetermined data fields arranged according to a first communications protocol,

_____ wherein the beacon is further arranged to add to each such message prior to transmission an additional data field carrying audio data, and

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_____ wherein the at least one portable device is arranged to receive the transmitted messages, read the audio data from said additional data field and reproduce the same for the user.

4. (*Original*) A system as claimed in claim 3, wherein the beacon is arranged to include an indication in one of said predetermined data fields, said indication denoting the presence of audio data in said additional data field.

5. (*Original*) A system as claimed in claim 3, wherein said first communications protocol comprises Bluetooth messaging.

6. (*Currently Amended*) A mobile communication device for use in the system of claim 3, ~~the device comprising the device comprising~~

_____ a receiver capable of receiving a short-range wireless message including a plurality of data fields according to said first communications ~~protocol~~ protocol,

_____ means for determining when said additional data field has been added to said plurality of data fields,

_____ means for reading audio data from such an additional data field, and

_____ reproduction means for presenting the same to a user.

7. (*Original*) A device as claimed in claim 6, wherein the receiver is configured to receive messages according to Bluetooth protocols.

8. (*Previously Presented*) The method of Claim 1, further comprising broadcasting cyclically, by the at least one beacon, an index of available audio information streams.

9. (*Previously Presented*) The method of Claim 1, wherein the at least one beacon broadcasts both continuous and discontinuous audio information streams.

10. (*Previously Presented*) The method of Claim 1, wherein the portable device interrupts a continuous audio stream with data from a discontinuous audio stream.